

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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This report provides weekly updates in the eight key areas identified as pillars of US government policy for victory in Iraq.

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8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

In a joint op-ed released to the Los Angeles Times on April 11, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and General George Casey reiterated to the American public the achievement in Iraq and the US commitment to democracy: "Americans and Iraqis can be proud of what our common efforts and sacrifices have achieved...even as we acknowledge that challenges remain to reaching the goal of a stable and democratic Iraq."



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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MNF-I forces Announce Capture of One of Iraq's Most Wanted Fugitives:

- On April 6, MNF-I officials announced the capture of Muhammed Hila Hammad Ubaydi, aka Abu Ayman, in the al Mahmudiyah neighborhood of southern Baghdad. Investigators delayed notice of his capture on March 7 until DNA testing confirmed Abu Ayman's identity. The Iraqi terrorist leader was the former aide to the Chief of Staff of Intelligence during the Saddam regime and recently was the leader of the Secret Islamic Army in the Northern Babil Province, where he was the prime suspect in the kidnapping of Italian journalist Guiliana Sgrena, the kidnapping and killing of several hostages, lethal IED attacks on Coalition forces and Iraqi citizens, and for assassination attempts on Iraqi government and security forces officials.

Operation Bastogne:

- Iraqi and Coalition soldiers completed a successful counter-insurgency operation in the Julayba area east of Ramadi on April 6, killing two insurgents and capturing three others. Coalition forces also discovered a cache of improvised explosive devices, artillery rounds, rocket propelled grenades, anti-aircraft rounds, fuses, primers and mortar propellants. Additionally, General Razaq, the 1st Iraqi Army Division commander, reported that Julayba residents provided his troops with information about enemy forces.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Iraqi Brigade Assumes Samarra and Tikrit Battlespace:

- First Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, took control of the Samarra and Tikrit battlespace from the US Army's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Danger on April 3 in the Salah Ad Din Province. Two of the Iraqi brigade's five battalions now have their own operating areas in Tikrit and Samarra. The other three battalions are scheduled to assume areas in and around Bayji and Balad by this summer. This is the first time since the dissolution of the old regime's army that these areas have been under Iraqi operational control.

New Iraqi Police Graduates Report to Ramadi:

- Eighty-nine new Iraqi police officers returned to Ramadi on April 9 after graduating from the eight-week Iraqi police academy at the Jordan International Training Center on April 8. The men, known as the Sons of Al Anbar, are the second group of trained officers to return to the city's neighborhoods. Prior to assuming duty, they will receive uniforms, boots, body armor and weapons, as well as additional training on patrolling Ramadi's neighborhoods.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~95,000
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~39,800
TOTAL	~134,800*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~114,300***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~115,700**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~250,500

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

Data as of April 3, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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Iraqi Parliament Likely to Convene in Coming Days:

- On April 9, Iraq's acting speaker of Parliament Adnan Pachachi said he would call in the coming days for parliament to convene. "When the parliament convenes it will be possible to start the steps to form a national unity government," Pachachi said.

Prime Minister Deadlock Continues:

- On April 11, Shiite politicians failed to resolve the deadlock over their candidate for prime minister, which is blocking formation of a new government. Sunni and Kurdish politicians said divisions within the Shiite alliance were making it difficult for the bloc to resolve the issue of Jafari. These include the rivalry between Sadr's group and the biggest Shiite party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, or SCIRI.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

IECI Official Announced December 15, 2005 Election Results:

Political Entity Name	Ballot Number	Total Votes	Governorate Seats	Compensatory Seats	National Seats	Total Seats
Unified Iraqi Coalition	555	5021137	109	0	19	128
Kurdistani Gathering	730	2642172	43	0	10	53
Tawafoq Iraqi Front	618	1840216	37	0	7	44
National Iraqi List	731	977325	21	0	4	25
Hewar National Iraqi Front	667	499963	9	0	2	11
Islamic Union of Kurdistan	561	157688	4	0	1	5
Liberation and Reconciliation Gathering	516	129847	3	0	0	3
Mithal Al Aloosi List for Iraqi Nation	620	32245	1	0	0	1
Iraqi Turkoman Front	630	87993	1	0	0	1
Progressives	631	145028	1	0	1	2
Al Ezediah Movement for Progressing and Reform	668	21908	1	0	0	1
Al Rafedain List	740	47263	0	1	0	1
Total			230	1	44	275



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

		Deputy President	President	Deputy President	
		Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	Jalal Talabani	'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister		
			Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister			Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways	'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Ahmad al-Chalabi	Vacant
Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ali al-Bahadili	Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Nuri al-Rawi	Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Narmin 'Uthman (F)	'Ali 'Allawi	Hoshyar Zebari	Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Vacant	Usama al-Najafi	Bayan Jabr	'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Jasim Ja'far	Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Hashem al-Hashemi (Acting)	Barham Salih	'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Basima Butrus (F)	Nasreen Berwari (F)	Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs	
'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Talib Aziz al-Zaini	'Ala' abib Kazim	Safa' al-Din al-Safi	'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
		Minister of State for Provinces	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women's Affairs	
		Sa'd al-Hardan	Hashim al-Hashimi	Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)	

(F) = Female



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

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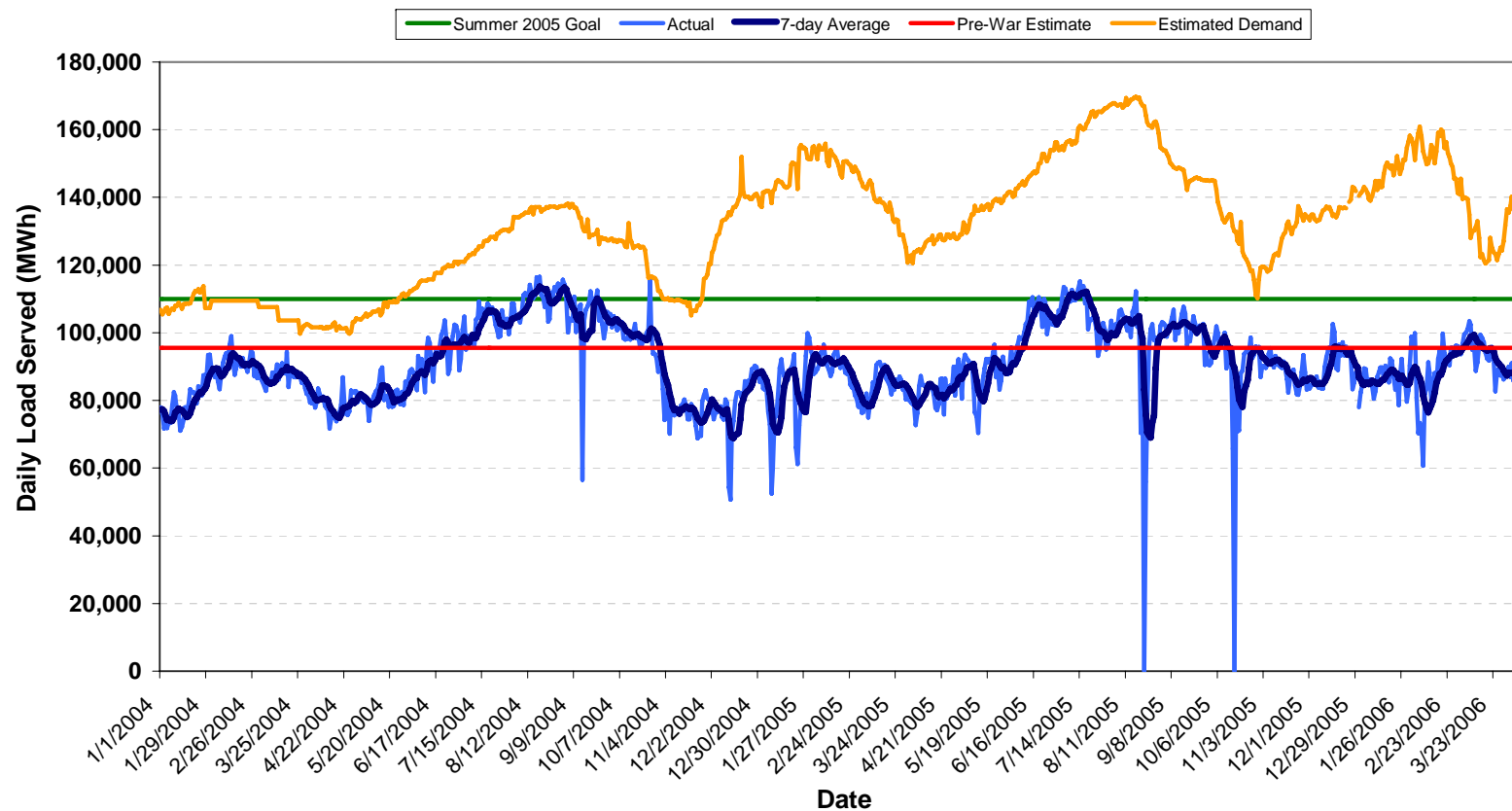
\$Millions	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5036.00	5036.00	4,935.1	4,932.9	(2.28)	4,882.5	4,887.2	4.72	4,397.5	4,423.5	26.0
Electricity Sector	4220.02	4220.02	4,037.1	4,036.4	(0.66)	3,496.1	3,521.5	25.33	2,071.2	2,097.6	26.4
Oil Infrastructure	1735.60	1735.60	1,626.1	1,626.8	0.75	1,541.2	1,546.1	4.86	844.8	864.3	19.5
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1315.95	1315.95	1,206.7	1,213.4	6.71	1,183.6	1,185.8	2.23	821.9	828.7	6.8
Democracy	1033.85	1033.85	977.4	977.4	0.00	977.2	977.2	0.00	661.9	671.7	9.8
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	410.00	410.00	348.8	356.7	7.90	341.9	341.9	0.03	245.4	245.5	0.1
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.71	333.71	312.8	314.5	1.70	308.2	308.1	(0.12)	175.3	175.8	0.5
Health Care	739.00	739.00	724.9	720.0	(4.97)	668.1	666.4	(1.76)	420.7	431.1	10.4
Transportation and Communications	465.51	465.51	447.0	446.4	(0.59)	419.5	420.5	1.09	249.5	253.2	3.7
Water Resources and Sanitation	2131.08	2131.08	1,666.4	1,667.7	1.38	1,547.7	1,548.4	0.65	913.6	929.3	15.7
Private Sector Development	805.28	805.28	788.9	788.9	0.00	782.4	782.4	0.00	601.9	605.0	3.1
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.00	213.00	159.7	212.4	52.70	159.7	212.4	52.70	84.2	84.2	0.0
TOTAL	18439.00	18439.00	17,230.8	17,293.5	62.64	16,308.1	16,397.8	89.72	11,488.0	11,610.0	122.0
IRRF 2 Construction			9,937.5	9,932.1	(5.32)	9,217.6	9,244.8	27.20	5,955.6	6,033.9	78.3
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,315.9	6,383.9	67.96	6,113.2	6,175.8	62.52	4,870.5	4,904.4	33.9
IRRF 2 Democracy			970.1	970.1	0.00	969.6	969.6	0.00	661.9	671.7	9.8
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2473.30	2473.30	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20912.30	20912.30	19,704.1	19,766.8	62.64	18,781.4	18,871.1	89.72	13,894.6	14,016.6	122.0

As of April 11, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity Overview**

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad continued to decrease in the last week (April 4-10) to an average of 3.3 hours per day, due to seasonal maintenance at area plants and higher than usual demand.
- Nationwide average electricity availability likewise decreased slightly to 10.7 hours per day.
- Electricity output for the first ten days of April 2006 was 4 percent higher than it was for the same period in April 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity**

Electricity:

- The Perini Corporation completed construction on the \$4.8 million Aden Substation in Najaf on April 4. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) project required the construction of a new substation and two transformers. The project will provide transmission of electricity to the businesses and residents of the area.
- Construction is complete on the Aqsa Substation project in Kirkuk. The \$4.4 million USACE project required the renovation and repair of an existing distribution substation by installing new switchgear and primary transformers. The repairs improve the electrical distribution system and power supply to 10,000 residents in the center of the city.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

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Water and Sanitation:

- A US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) water project in Hillah is complete. Eight water pumps were repaired at a cost of \$6,800 utilizing a staff trained under the capacity development program. This project will improve the water supply for 150,000 Babil Province residents.
- Construction on a \$321,000 water project in Musayib is complete. The USACE project installed a new filter system, a generator, pumps, and added five years worth of maintenance parts. The project provides clean water to 20,000 rural Babil Province residents along the Euphrates River north of Musayib and in the Jurf As Sukar area.
- Construction was completed on a \$1 million water distribution project in Kadamiyah, Baghdad Province, on March 30. The Al Dhaan Company, under a USACE contract, constructed a water distribution network consisting of six-inch and nine-inch diameter pipes in the Kadamiyah neighborhood. The project affects approximately 20,000 residents in the neighborhood of northwest Baghdad.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Infrastructure and Communications**

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Infrastructure:

- Construction is complete on US Army Corps of Engineers projects for the Fattah River Crossing in At Tameem Province. The Fathah River Crossing project designed, installed and tied in 15 pipelines across the Tigris River near Bayji. The project will enhance the flow capacity of crude oil from Kirkuk to the Bayji Refinery, allowing increased production of refined products.

Communications:

- According to media reporting, Dhi Qar Governorate Council has signed a contract with a commercial company to install a wireless telephone exchange of 50,000 lines.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending March 31 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$59.73/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$67.07/barrel
 - Kirkuk Crude at \$61.29/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$66.98/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$61.34/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,593	31,604	0.03%
USAID	56,908	61,016	7.22%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,268	1,158	-8.68%
MILCON (Military Construction)	234	234	0.00%
CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	0	0	0.00%
MNSTC-I	8,815	7,251	-17.74%
IRRFNON-CONSTRUCTION	16,029	16,281	1.57%
GRAND TOTAL	114,847	117,544	2.35%

- CERP numbers have not been updated recently and PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.
- USAID continues to update weekly.

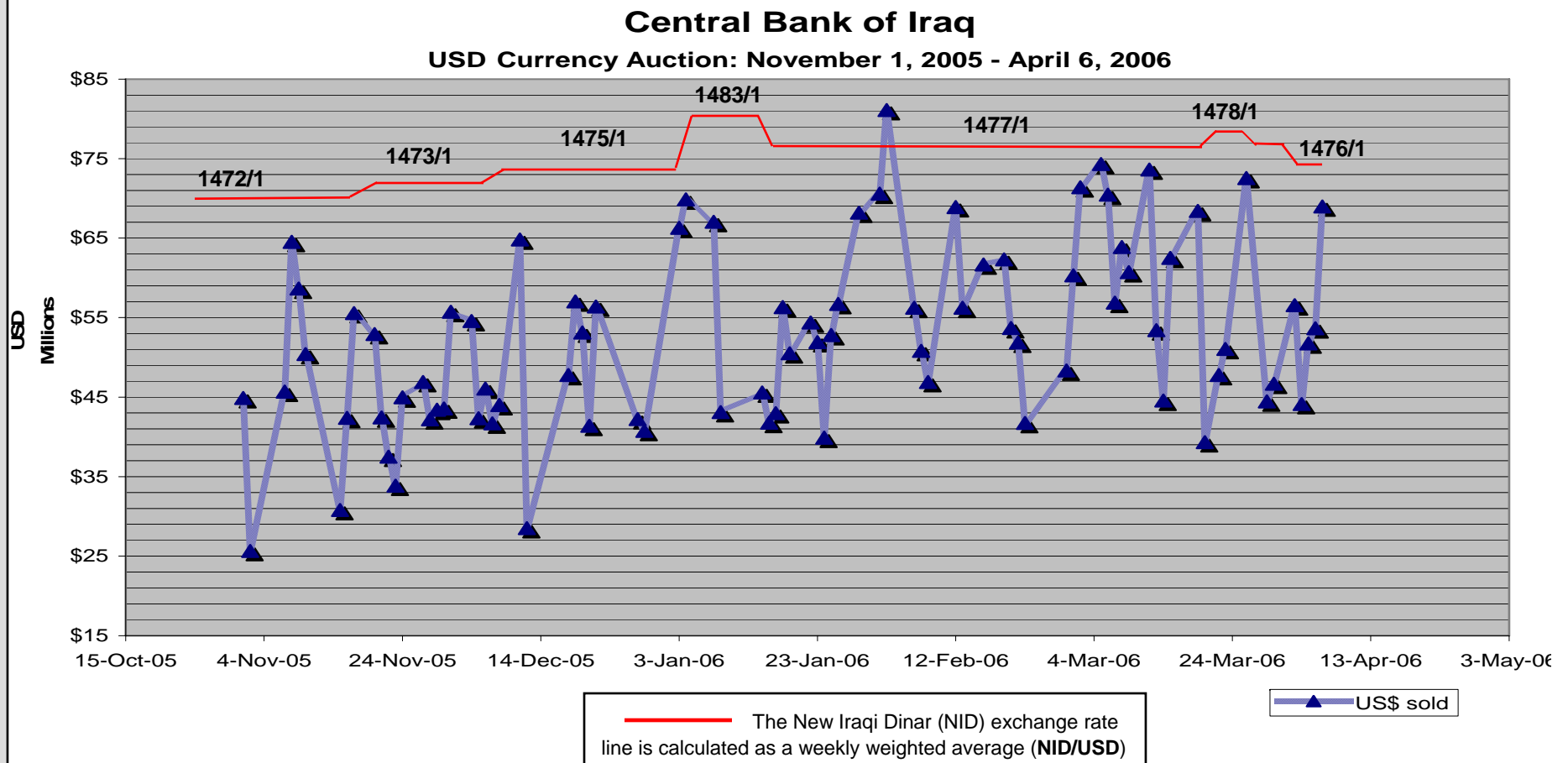
Data as of April 11



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 1, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,476 dinars per USD on April 10.





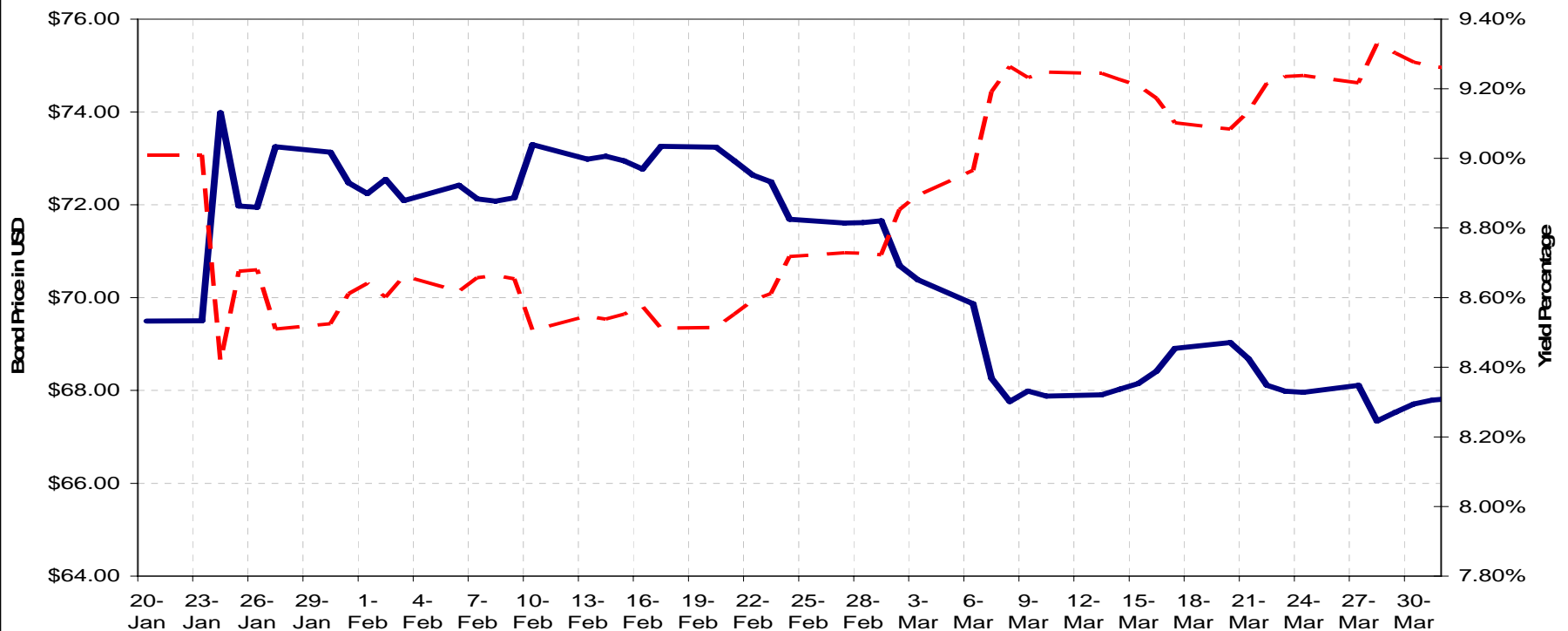
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds are currently trading at just under their original asking price. The drop in price and accompanying increase in yield around the end of February reflect increased concerns following the February 22 bombing of the Al Askari Mosque in Samarra. The bonds' current yield of 9.17 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales

January 20, 2006 - April 7, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$67.34 (March 28)

— Bond Price — Yield



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - **Banking Reform and Agriculture**

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Banking Examination Reports:

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Agriculture:

The Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) is holding field days in April to encourage local sheep breeders to invest in improved feeding regimes. These workshops will demonstrate that improved feeding will help ewes produce more milk for sale, maintain their weight throughout the suckling period and have heavier lambs. This results in lower lamb mortality rates and greater income from the sale of more meat and milk.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - **Employment**

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- USAID's Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI) provides quick-dispensing, high-impact grants meeting critical needs—providing short-term employment, restoring basic government and community services, increasing access to information and communication, and encouraging protection of human rights. For April 1-6, ITI-supported activities have created a spike in hours of employment created as the program prepares for scheduled close down. By governorate:

Irbil – 100 worker months*

Baghdad – 8932 worker months

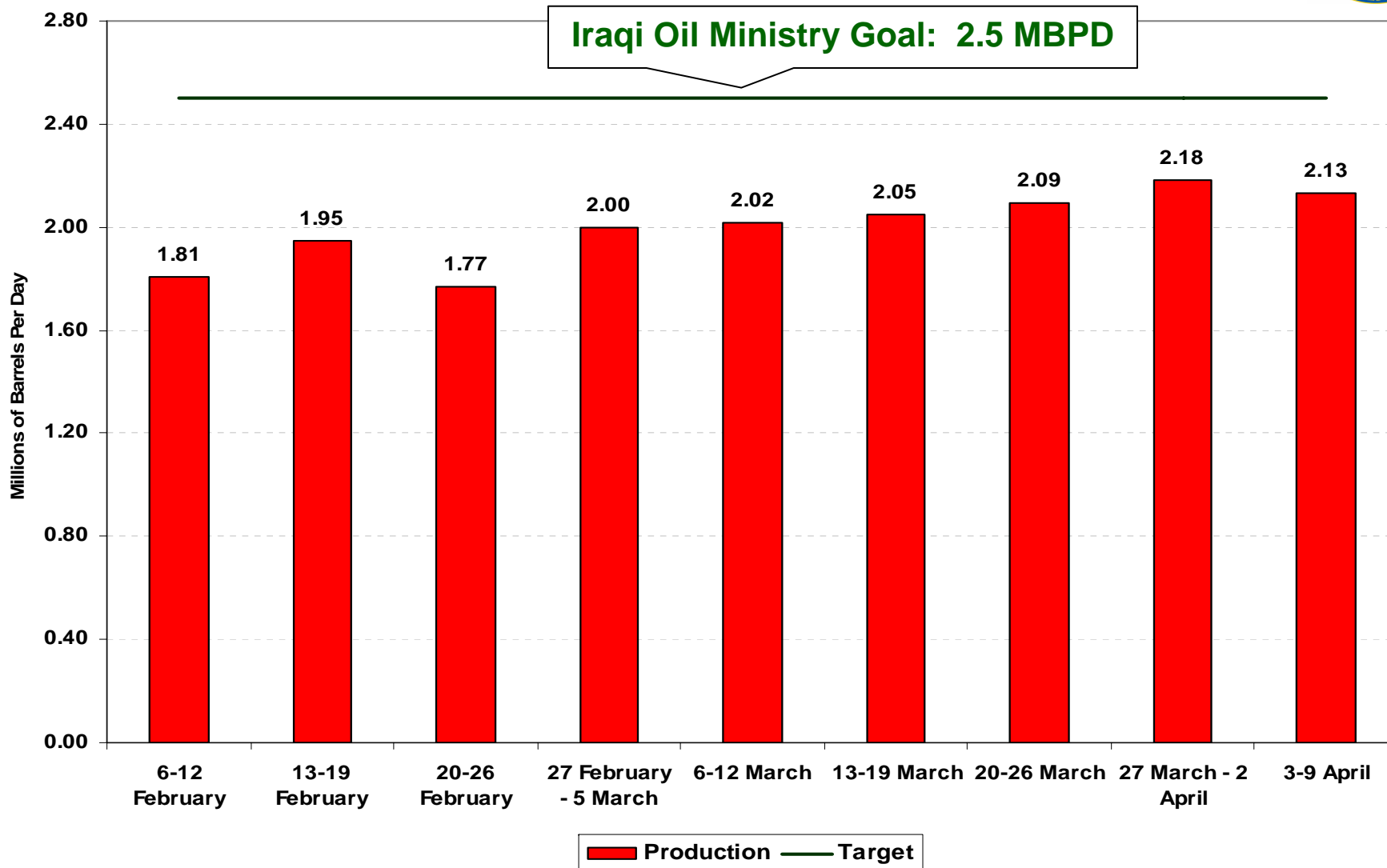
Anbar – 9249 worker months

Basrah – 657 worker months

Hillah – 68 worker months

* Months of work are calculated by multiplying the number of workers in each grant on a typical day by the number of work days in a grant and dividing the total by 26 – the average number of work days in a month, working six days a week. For example- (65 workers x 60 days) / 26 days = 150 worker months.

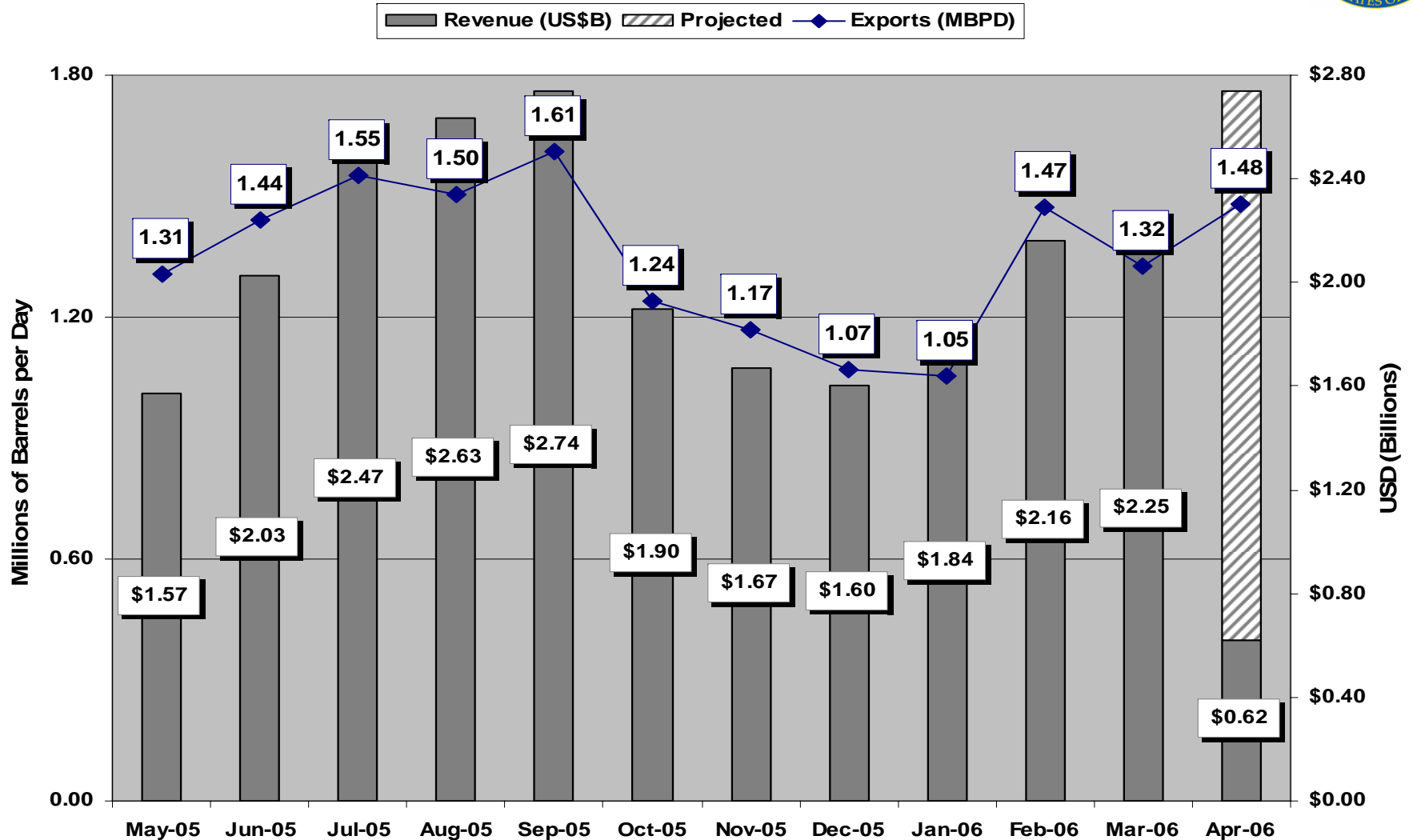
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (April 3-9) of 2.13 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



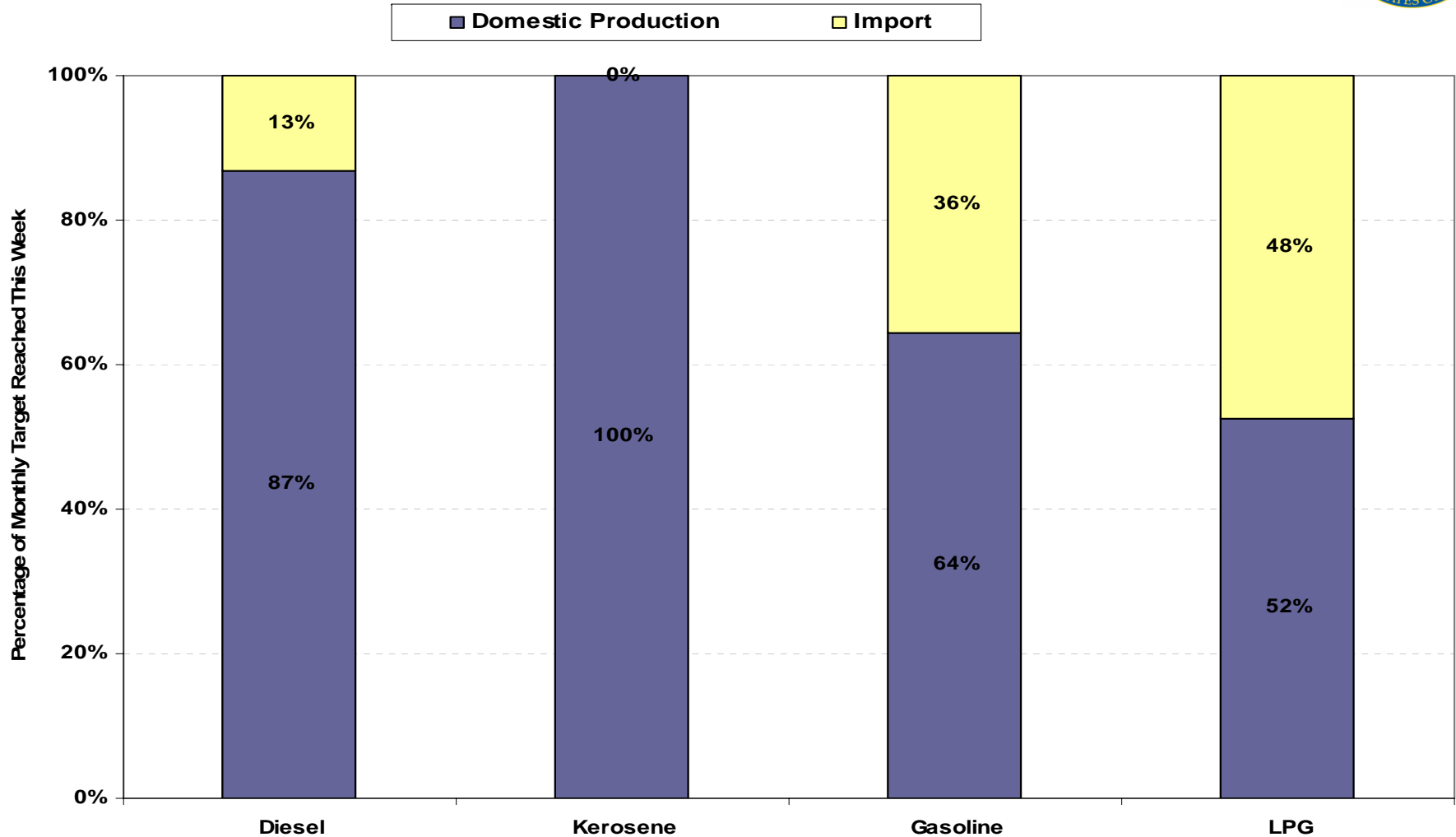
[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$6.9 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



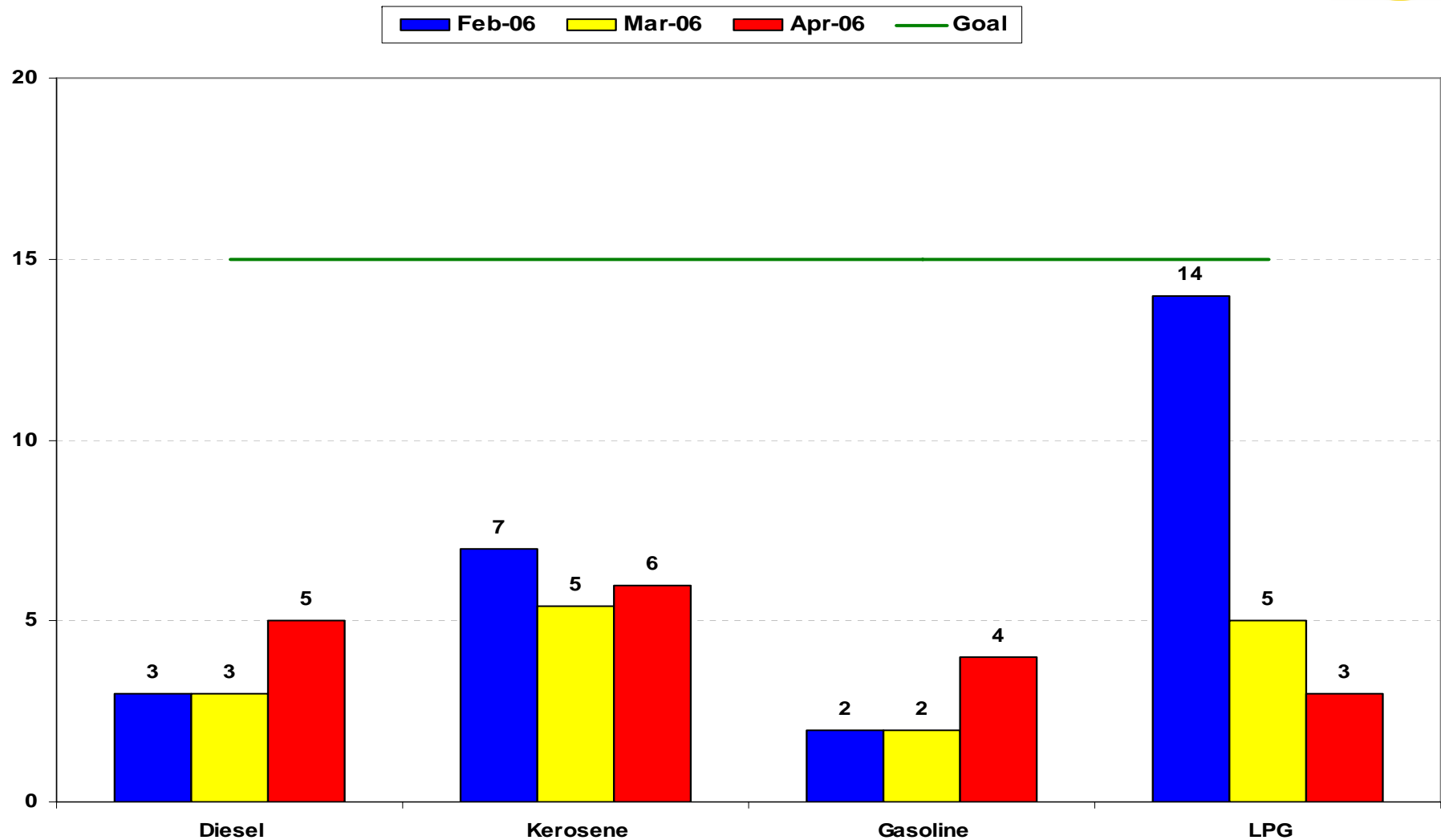
Note: This is a daily average for the week of April 3-9

- Diesel: 15.0 ML supply of 21.8 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.1 ML supply of 10.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 19.9 ML supply of 23.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,418 tons supply of 4,005 tons target

[5.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.0] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

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CCCI Convicts 22 Security Detainees:

- On April 5, the Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 22 security detainees for various crimes including illegal border crossing, coordinating deadly attacks and joining terrorist groups. Upon conviction, all defendants are turned over to the Iraqi Corrections Service to serve their sentences. To date, the CCCI has held 995 trials of insurgents suspected of anti-Iraqi and anti-Coalition activities threatening the security of Iraq and targeting MNF-I. These proceedings have resulted in 908 individual convictions with sentences ranging up to 30 years imprisonment.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Annan Condemns Recent Mosque Bombings:

- On April 7 United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned “in the strongest possible terms” the bombing of the Buratha mosque in the Al Adhamiya area of Baghdad. He stated that this attack and the April 6 bombing near the holy Shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf clearly demonstrates that there are forces in Iraq determined to inflame sectarian violence and to exploit the current difficulties in forming the new government.

Rebuttals after Mubarak Questions Iraqi Shia Loyalty:

- Egyptian President Mubarak angered Iraqi leaders on April 9 by saying Shia there and across the Middle East are more loyal to Iran than to their own countries and that civil war has almost started in Iraq. Following Mubarak’s statement, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw reiterated that civil war in Iraq was neither imminent nor inevitable but accepted that the situation was very serious. Similarly, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, said Mubarak's comments were not accurate.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of April 04, 2006

26 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	South Korea
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	UK
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Poland	
Denmark	Latvia	Portugal	

TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

29 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*29 includes the 26 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and Singapore.



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- In a joint op-ed released to the Los Angeles Times on April 11, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and General George Casey said “three years after US Marines and Iraqis toppled the huge statue of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad’s Firdos Square, Americans and Iraqis can be proud of what our common efforts and sacrifices have achieved since that day, even as we acknowledge that challenges remain to reaching the goal of a stable and democratic Iraq.” They continued, saying “Many great nations have faced moments of crisis in which leaders and communities have to come together or allow their nation to fail. Iraqi leaders have navigated this period of crisis. The US will remain a steadfast partner and help catalyze progress as needed. If we do so, Iraq will succeed and become the foundation of the transformation of the wider Middle East.”
- On April 15, the Government of Iraq will air the first subsidy-reform TV spot, which will stress the need for fuel prices to be increased in order to help ensure better public services in education, health, and other areas. The message will be aired during evening primetime on the Arabiya, Sharqiya, Iraqiya, Kurdistan TV, and Al Fourat networks.



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- Speaking at the John Hopkins University in Washington on April 10, President Bush reiterated the US policy and commitment in Iraq, stating that “since liberation, our forces have captured or killed thousands of al Qaeda terrorists and other enemy fighters; we’ve freed Fallujah and Tal Afar and other Iraqi cities from the grip of the terrorists and the insurgents; we’ve trained Iraqi security forces so they increasingly can take the lead in the fight – and eventually assume responsibility for the security of their country. We have learned from our mistakes. We’ve adjusted our approach to meet the changing circumstances on the ground; we’ve adjusted depending upon the actions of the enemy. By pursuing a clear and flexible strategy in Iraq, we helped make it possible for Iraqis to choose their leaders and begin to assume the responsibilities of self-government and self-defense.”



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing the provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around the Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.



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PRT Operations Update:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil and Kirkuk. The Baghdad PRT was inaugurated on March 26. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners. All have strong training, mentoring and developmental capability, and they become even more effective by working together. The proposed roll-out plan will have an eventual eight US-led PRTs, four Coalition-led PRTs and six Iraqi teams. “The improvement of the provincial governments’ capacity to improve the lives of the Iraqi people is not only important to the United States and to the Iraqis, but to the world, as well,” said US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad. “A successful Iraq will reshape the future of the Middle East, and the future of the Middle East will reshape the future of the world. This is why the PRTs are not strictly an American venture.”

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